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The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Wheeler:

I write to express my support for Dennis Haugen's application to serve on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee (FRRCC). Thank you for your consideration.

American farmers and ranchers are the best stewards of our land because no one has a bigger stake in protecting the environment than the people whose livelihood depend on the soil. As a lifelong farmer, Dennis Haugen has the knowledge and experience to provide valuable advice and recommendations to the EPA on environmental issues impacting agriculture producers.

Dennis is a well-qualified candidate who has dedicated his career to agriculture and supporting communities across North Dakota. He currently serves as President of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association, where he represents thousands of wheat and barley growers before all levels of government. In addition, he's served in leadership roles with his local soil conservation district, helping fellow producers manage and protect natural resources. This volunteer service comes in addition to the successful wheat, barely, soybean and corn operation he has run for nearly three decades.

I am confident that Dennis would represent our agriculture producers and rural communities well as a member of this important committee. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is additional information regarding Dennis' background or qualifications that I can provide. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
U.S. Senator